Broker Violation: Sheldon Caughey, Sausalito Yacht & Ship

On December 1, 2008, the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) placed Sheldon Caughey, Broker of Record for Sausalito Yacht & Ship on probation.

Mr. Caughey entered into a stipulated settlement and disciplinary order with DBW for violation of the Harbors and Navigation Code Sections 732(d) Improper Dual Representation, 732(i) Dishonest Dealings, 732(n) Failure to Present Offer, 732(g) Use of Coercive Methods, 732(m) Breach of Fiduciary Responsibility and 708 Unlicensed Practice.

The order stipulates three years of probation ending midnight on December 1, 2011 with the following conditions:

- Obedience of all federal and state laws and regulations governing the use of the yacht and ship broker's license.
- Reporting to DBW for the period of probation by providing reports/declarations when required by DBW.
- Cooperating with DBW's inspection program and monitoring of probation.
- Reimbursing DBW \$3,000 for its cost of investigation and prosecution.
- Maintaining an active license with DBW during the period of probation.
- Notifying DBW of any changes to employment or change of address, and of any periods of residency or work outside of California.

Violation of probation may result in the revocation of Mr. Caughey's Yacht and Ship Broker's license # B-02428-02429-SM.

DBW licenses and regulates yacht brokers and salespersons in California. Those selling used vessels 16' or longer and less than 300 gross tons, for others, are required to be licensed. It also enforces the Harbors & Navigation Code to regulate the activities of licensees to ensure compliance and provide consumer protection.